

## PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Applicant: McBride, et al.

Serial No.: 09/684,218

Filed: October 6, 2000

For: ADJUSTABLE TRANSVERSE  
CONNECTOR

Attorney Docket No.: 5259-04800.US.01

Examiner: J.W. Woo

Group Art Unit: 3731

Certificate of Mailing under 37 CFR §1.8(a):  
 I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail addressed to as follows:

MS AF  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date of Deposit: 10-13-04

*Kimberly A. Iorio*  
 Kimberly A. Iorio

TRANSMITTAL

MS AF  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 Attn: Examiner J.W. Woo  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above entitled ADJUSTABLE TRANSVERSE CONNECTOR are the following:

1. Amendment (12 Pages);
2. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (1 Page);
3. Form PTO-1449 (1 Page) in duplicate;
4. References as cited on Form PTO-1449 (6 References); and
5. Return Receipt Postcard.

10/21/2004 ABBOTTS 01-00253

490.00 EA

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional Filing Fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16, as well as any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication for which full payment had not been tendered, to Deposit Account No. 01-0025. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
 McBride, et al.

*Beth A. Vrioni*

Beth A. Vrioni  
 Registration No. 39,869  
 Attorney for Applicants

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
 Customer No.: 23492  
 Telephone: (847) 938-7576  
 Facsimile: (847) 938-2623